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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Please accept the comments provided in the following letter. Thank you.



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SENT VIA FAX: 916-651-9289

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

On behalf of the Kings County Farm Bureau, the following are comments we are providing for the Draft State Water Plan Update (Bulletin 160).

We understand that the California Water Plan is a document published every five years to provide direction for the "orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, management and efficient use of the water resources of the state." However, after a period of seven years since its last publication, input from a widely diverse Advisory Committee and expansion from one to five volumes, the Plan does not clearly articulate the severe magnitude of California's lack of developed water supplies, the status of current reliability to meet California's water needs in below normal water years and multi-year droughts and how this pending crisis will be met.

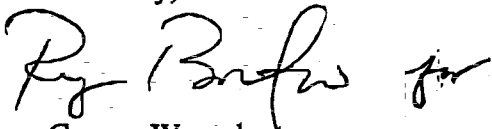
The Plan does include a new strategic planning approach and supports assisting regions to develop integrated regional management plans as well as improvements in statewide infrastructure to facilitate regional water management. This is a new and innovative to the Plan and provides additional options to consider in meeting California's water requirements. It also describes programs, such as recycling, salt water conversion, and yes, conservation. But any emphasis on additional storage projects, either groundwater or surface, is clearly lacking. The San Joaquin Valley has a continuing groundwater deficit. However, importation by primarily the agricultural industry has been thwarted by increasing regulatory constraints and lack of additional storage projects. This draft Plan, now expanded to five volumes, is a disservice to the people, not only of the

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San Joaquin Valley, but the State, in its lack of detail regarding the need for additional storage facilities.

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) recently published "No Time to Waste: A Blueprint for California Water" which outlines key issues and decisions that must be made to ensure adequate water supplies to meet California's water requirements. We recommend that DWR add the entire ACWA document to the 2005 Plan as an appendix.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Wurzel", followed by a small flourish or mark.

George Wurzel
President